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11 May 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: John N. McMahon
Associate Deputy to the DCI for the
Intelligence Community

SUBJECT: DIA Photo-Interpreter Positions for NPIC

Hank:

As you may recall, in July 1976 and again in November 1976 the CFI discussed the issue of photo-interpreters for NPIC and agreed to await a better understanding of [] impact on the PI's before making a determination. Accordingly, it was agreed that the whole issue of PI support throughout the Intelligence Community required a fresh look, and we directed that [] consider this within the context of the [] study. Although that study is still underway, we asked [] to step aside a bit and focus on the PI requirements in order to answer your queries on this subject. As a result of his discussions with John Hicks, [] is convinced that NPIC has a legitimate workload envisioned to require additional positions in excess of [] PI's, the remainder requiring further justification. [] also indicates that in order to meet this workload which would befall NPIC with the launch of the [] in October 1978, NPIC would need about a year's lead time in order to prepare and train the PI's to handle the [] material. Or, simply stated, it needs the additional positions by October 1977.

I have spoken to Admiral Inman regarding DIA's reluctance to provide the positions, and he noted that it was simply a question of priorities versus the limited people they have. However, he has put [] positions for NPIC in their program objective memo for FY 1979 as over guidance. This, of course, will cause the PRC to focus on this again during the program hearings in July. While the 1979 program may not be sufficient time as far as Hicks is concerned, the consideration of the PI issue in July can prompt a PRC decision beforehand; i.e., direct DIA to allocate the [] positions in a timely fashion.

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The whole issue of PI's, however, undoubtedly deserves a more comprehensive look than isolating on the ☐ DIA positions for NPIC. We are preparing now a memorandum for Admiral Turner addressed to CIA and DIA announcing that a study team will review the entire national photo-interpretation resources in CIA and DIA to determine if there are areas of overlap or duplication which can be eliminated, thereby freeing manpower resources to satisfy the growing PI need. We propose that the study group be chaired by the IC Staff with representation from DIA and CIA.

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/s/ JOHN N. McMAHON

John N. McMahon

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NOTE FOR: Comptroller

SUBJECT : NPIC

Jim:

1. Bill Miller called me this evening to report his concern about continuing DOD failure to ante up ☐ positions for NPIC. He wondered if it would be a good solution for the Committee to add ☐ slots to CIA's authorization as a way of making up the requirement. I said that if I had more positions assigned to CIA I am sure I would put them all to NPIC and I know the DOD is faced with very difficult decisions growing out of their continuing need to reduce.

2. Still, take a quick look at the Miller proposition, let me know what the Agency reaction is and tie-in with the IC Staff.

HK
E. H. Knoche

cc: D/DCI/IC

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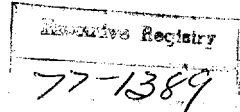
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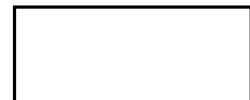
MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, NPIC

FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

25X1 1. Thought you and [] might like to know that
the President used the material that [] gave him on the SS-X-20
25X1 in a meeting with 16 Senators on SALT last Wednesday. The
President used almost every specific detail and number that
25X1 [] had provided to him.

2. In sum, it was all very worthwhile.

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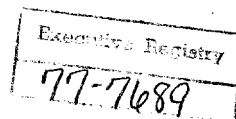
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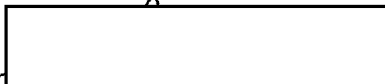
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MEMORANDUM FOR: DDS&T

FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

1. I really enjoyed my visit to NPIC. John Hicks and his people were most helpful.

2. One point that came up in which I would appreciate more information on, is how we divide up the exploitation between the ☐ facilities to whom the photography is distributed. Specifically, who are the ☐ facilities and are there more on occasion? Beyond that, does all photography go to all ☐? If not, how do we allocate it? Clearly, some extensive amount of overlap in analyzing photography is desirable because of different points of view. How do we determine how much overlap is desirable and affordable?


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